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To: Central Intelligence Agency (DDI/SRS)

From: E. Raymond Platiga USC/FAR Executive Secretary

Subject: Draft Memorandum from the Chairman of the Under Secretaries Committee to the President Transmitting the Second USC/FAR Consolidated Research Plan for FY-1973-74.

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Attached is a copy of a draft memorandum from the Chairman of the Under Secretaries Committee to the President. This draft is being sent by the staff of the Under Secretaries Committee to the Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. Richard Helms, for concurrence.

Mr. Helms is being asked to concur only in the Memorandum to the President, not in the Second Plan, since that has already been done at the USC/FAR level. The deadline for concurrences has been set at close of business on August 28. If there is any way you can expedite the concurrence so we can be sure of getting the Second Plan transmitted to the President by September 1, I would be most appreciative.

Also attached are the final "Limited Official Use" versions of Parts I and II of the Second Plan. In our recent round of reviews of the Plan, these were the only two parts in which changes of general interest have been introduced and those changes were overwhelmingly ones of style and emphasis rather than of substance.

Attachments:

1. Draft Memorandum to the President.
2. Parts I & II of the Second USC/FAR Consolidated Research Plan for FY-1973-74.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Second USC/FAR Consolidated Research Plan for FY-1973-74

Pursuant to National Security Decision Memorandum 98, dated February 9, 1971, I am pleased to transmit to you a copy of the Second USC/FAR Consolidated Research Plan for FY-1973-74.

Last year at this time, I forwarded to you the first Plan and informed you of other steps taken by the USC Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs Research (USC/FAR) under the chairmanship of Ray S. Cline, Director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research in the Department of State. Since that time, the USC/FAR has taken a number of actions pertinent to assuring interagency coordination of the external foreign affairs research sponsored by the Federal Government. Among these are:

1. Preparation of the Second Plan. This marks a significant improvement over the first Plan in the following respects:

-- Through more sophisticated, computer-assisted consolidation and analysis of Member Agency planning data, it reveals that some important areas of research are insufficiently developed. These include research on China, on the Soviet Union, on international economic relations, and on modern analytical techniques

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pertinent to the making and implementation of national policy.

-- As a result of more profound interagency deliberation, the Plan specifies agreed upon USC/FAR Research Objectives and related actions that aim at developing these relatively neglected research areas and generally strengthening Government funding of foreign affairs research.

2. The establishment of nine USC/FAR interagency Consultative Groups as settings for the coordination of discrete research projects, the pursuit of USC/FAR Research Objectives and the mounting of other collaborative activities.

3. The further development of an information system for current, Government supported external research projects dealing with foreign affairs. Currently a manual system, plans are being made for its automation.

4. Perhaps most important, a growing spirit of cooperation among those individuals who represent the Member and Observer Agencies in the USC/FAR. This spirit is evidenced not only in production of the Second Plan but also in the increasing number of jointly funded projects and other collaborative activities.

One of the purposes of the USC/FAR is to establish and maintain for the Government good working relations with academic and other private researchers working on foreign affairs. To that end, Parts I, II and III of the Second Plan are being issued in an unclassified version for dissemination to key individuals in the private sector.

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I suggest that you note the Second Plan as a promising further step toward the ends specified in NSDM-98, i.e., greater efficiency, quality and interagency utility and availability of Government supported external research on foreign affairs.

John N. Irwin, II
Chairman

Attachment:

Second USC/FAR Consolidated Research Plan for FY-1973-74.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional) Under Secretary Irwin Seeking Formal DCI Approval of Annual USC/FAR Report to the President on External Research

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The DCI will shortly be receiving a draft of Secretary Irwin's (attached) draft memo to the President, covering Ray Cline's USC/FAR Annual Report. Mr. Irwin's draft looks fine, and I see no reason why the DCI should not readily OK it.

There is nothing in the report which engages CIA equities in any particular respect, or in any way embarrasses CIA. Being an Observer, rather than a Member, has worked out well in practice for CIA, with Ray Cline's people proving sensitive and responsive to CIA's special problems and status. Overall, this USC/FAR business is going fairly well: though a bit ponderous, Cline is heading it in the right directions and some improvement is being registered in this previous swampy area. In addition to [Redacted] and myself (of SRS), other DDI and O/NE people serve in the various USC/FAR sub-groups. All is going well and easily.

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Hal Ford